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SUBJECT: ARREST OF SEAMAN KWAN WO

REF: (A) LONDON 1318; (B) TAIPEI 2553; (C) LONDON A-644

DTD. JULY 18, 1975

1. IN RESPONSE TO THE EMBASSY'S LETTER TO THE MOFA TREATY DEPARTMENT REQUESTING FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SUBJECT, WE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. HSU FAN-YI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE TREATY DEPARTMENT. MR. HSU STATED THAT THE SUBJECT'S TRIAL BEFORE A MILITARY TRIBUNAL HAD BEEN COMPLETED, ALL APPEALS HEARD, AND NO FURTHER APPEAL POSSIBLE. THE SUBJECT WAS SENTENCED TO SERVE THREE YEARS FOUR MONTHS IMPRISONMENT WITH TWO YEARS DEPRIVATION CIVIL RIGHTS TO FOLLOW.

2. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTIONS TO MR. HSU CONCERNING SUBJECT'S PROBABLE DATE OF RELEASE FROM PRISON, WE WERE ADVISED THAT SUBJECT SHOULD BE RELEASED ON OR ABOUT APRIL 4, 1978 SINCE TIME SERVED IN DETENTION AFTER HIS ARREST (JANUARY 4, 1975) COUNTS TOWARD HIS SENTENCE. IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION, MR. HSU STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE SUBJECT IS SERVING HIS SENTENCE OR THE EXACT NATURE OF CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HIM. HOWEVER, HE CHARACTERIZED THE CHARGES IN GENERAL TERMS AS SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

3. COMMENT: AS STATED PARA 4 REF B, THE EMBASSY DOES NOT
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REPEAT NOT BELIEVE THE GROC WILL PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION

CONCERNING THE SUBJECT'S CASE. FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS ON
HIS BEHALF WOULD BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE IN OUR VIEW.
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